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Fuhr will loan you money,
on your farm, sell or buy your
land or write your fire insurance

Moving Pictures

The Nebraska Theatre Company will have a representative in Meade during the Fair. Pictures of the various exhibits will be taken, together with those of the business houses and the principal streets of the city. The second week after the Fair these pictures will be shown at Phelps Theatre for three evenings, which will give everyone an opportunity to see them. The picture of the grand parade in front of the grand stand on the last day of the Fair will also be taken. After having been shown at the Theatre the films will become the property of the Fair Association to do with as they see fit.

This feature will no doubt prove an excellent advertising medium for Meade County.

The M. & M. Drug Co. is in receipt of a letter from the publishers of the State school books, stating that, owing to the scarcity of print paper and material that much delay in getting books this year may be looked for. It would probably be advisable for students to get their books as early as possible.

Awaits Court's Action

A man who gave his name as J. S. Bittner, and who said his home was in Oklahoma City, was picked up on the streets this morning, either suffering from the effects of a sun stroke, or the absence of "dope".

He was placed in jail, awaiting the further action of the court. We trust that their action will be as speedy as possible, that Meade county may not be burdened with a board and doctor bill for which some other county and state should be responsible.

Recently signs were posted at all main roads entering Meade, marked, "city limits, 10 miles an hour, city limits," yet there is seldom a day passes but that from one to a dozen cars may be seen upon the streets of Meade, running at more than twice the speed limit. If we are going to have a speed limit, it seems only right that it should be regarded, and those who will not should be called to account. It isn't after an accident has happened, perhaps caused by someone speeding, that this should be regarded, but before. What's the use to lock the stable after the horse is stolen?

Fair Booster Trip

The fair management is now arranging for a booster trip, same to occur either the last of this week or the first of next, their itinerary to include Fowler, Missler, Plains, and some points in the south part of the county, not at this time decided upon. All those who can go on the trip, or who will furnish cars, are requested to report to the management at once. The more cars, the more interest—the more interest the better the fair. As to whether or not the whole trip will be made in one day, we are not advised, but if you are interested, see F. Fuhr and he will in all probability be in position to give you full details. From the number of cars in Meade and surrounding communities, fifty ought easily to be secured. A delegation from Fowler and from Plains will also join the boosters. Don't wait until some member of the Fair Association asks you to join the party, but go at once and volunteer the use of your car. This will greatly aid in getting a good big lot of interest aroused, and a pleasant, profitable trip will be the outcome.

MEADE CO. GETS RAIN

The First In Many Weeks
Will Make Feed Crop

Everyone is justly rejoicing since the rain which came the first of the week. The precipitation was about an inch, and being unaccompanied by wind, every drop went into the ground.

Previous to the rain, which was the first in about six weeks, Meade County witnessed one of the driest spells we have had in years, and the dust—well, if we were not good natured we would perhaps have all been in the "bug house" by now; but the rain came, the feed crop is saved, the ground is in good condition for plowing, and we are all happy.

In some parts of the county a heavier fall has been reported, while in others not so much, but in all just, and unjust alike, we were all well remembered.

Strange as it may seem, with all the dry weather and wind, we have heard of no feed being badly damaged, and under present conditions will easily be up to the standard of previous years.

Harry Rich, one of the world's best known trapeze performers, has been employed by the Fair Association and will be here at that time to help entertain the crowds. Mr. Rich does some seemingly impossible feats. For instance he will pull three automobiles, with occupants, or five empty cars with his teeth. From the top of the First National Bank building he will have erected a trapeze and each morning during the Fair will give a performance, going from there to the Fair grounds for the remainder of the day, and will give from two to three exhibitions daily in front of the grand stand. This is only one of the many attractions which the Association has secured for your entertainment during Fair week. The attraction herewith mentioned will certainly be well worth seeing, as Mr. Rich has won both reputation and praise in many of the larger cities for his daring trapeze performances.

Wheat Market Good

Threshing and wheat hauling continue in this locality. We are advised by the managers of the elevators of our city that the car shortage has been greatly relieved within the past ten days, and that up to the time of the rain, the wheat raisers kept them busy buying wheat. Since the rain, the condition of the roads has shortened the amount received, though as soon as they become a little dry, the usual amount of hauling will be resumed.

Wednesday the price paid was \$1.38 per bushel, which is considered good. No better, however, than the quality of the wheat, nearly all of which is testing from 61 to 63 pounds.

To-day, Thursday, the price is \$1.40.

Dr. Martindale is well known among Methodists in Bucklin and throughout southwestern Kansas. He was district superintendent in this territory for 12 years, journeying from east of Pratt over all the territory far down into Oklahoma; in fact, one of his points of visit was near Clayton, New Mexico. After completing his long term of service in the largest district in Kansas, he retired from the active ministry at the age of nearly 70. He was succeeded by Rev. Burns, and he in turn by Rev. Dadisman, who is now in charge of the district. All who are acquainted with Dr. Martindale will be shocked to learn of his nearness to death. —Bucklin Banner.

Steam Laundry Opens

Announcement of the opening of the Meade Steam Laundry on Monday, August 28th, appears in today's News. Mr. O. R. Follett, the owner and manager, has had years of experience in the laundry business, and assures us that he is coming to Meade with the view of staying with us, and giving us one of the best and most up-to-date establishments in the west, so long as the business given him justifies same. There is no reason why he should not receive a generous share of patronage, and if he does, he will maintain for us a business that will be a credit to our city. Mr. Follett comes here from Liberal, and with his family will become our best citizens. All he asks is an opportunity to prove to us what he will do, in the way of first class laundry work. He is starting a line of business worthy of the support of our people, and will no doubt receive it.

We are going to have a big circus in Meade next Monday, August the 28th, so the bills and the advertisement elsewhere in today's News say. They boast of the best troupes of trained elephants traveling, kangaroos direct from Australia, a fine collection of black maned African lions, a whole herd of zebras, a drove of Siberian camels, "Cupid" the educated pony, the largest callopie in the world, and some of the best acrobats living. Good music will be rendered and good order maintained. Don't forget the date, and the big tent.

The city reservoir is completed with the exception of the top.

CITY BUYS SPRINKLER

Same Will Be In Operation
With A Short Time

We are pleased to have to announce that the City has purchased the street sprinkler from A. M. McCay and as soon as the big reservoir at the city pumping plant is completed, thereby insuring a sufficient water supply, they will have same in operation.

Another item of importance to our people is that the value of the city property of Meade has increased \$100,000 since the report of the assessor a year ago.

Leaving the tax levy the same as last year, enough money will be raised to enable the City to employ a man, whose duty it will be to operate the street sprinkler, drag the streets, and cut the weeds.

If the right sort of a man can be employed, one who will give his attention to all parts of the city alike, there isn't a taxpayer in town who will register an objection. In fact, if this money is properly expended it will be one of the best and wisest investments the present City administration ever made.

Granting that they will do all this, and to the best of their ability, The News commends our City fathers on their move.

Professional Institute

The First Meade County Professional Institute will convene at the High School building in Meade next Monday, August 28th, at 9:00 a. m.

The Professional Institute will be in session five days and will take the place of the four-week Normal Institute, which was held annually in Meade. Formerly only morning sessions were held, but with the Professional Institute comes a slight change in the program, and this year there will be both a morning and an afternoon session, with competent instructors in charge of each.

H. W. Nutt, principal of the Oread Training School of Lawrence; J. H. Clement, superintendent of the Dodge City schools, and Miss Isabelle Bruce, formerly instructor of music in the Meade school, have been employed to take charge of the Institute.

The program consists of lectures and discussions of the subjects in which every teacher in the county should be interested. A number of lectures have also been arranged for the evening, and these as well as those given in the morning and afternoon, will be of interest to the teachers.

The public will be welcome at any and all sessions of the Institute.

Sometime between the hours of 11:00 p. m. Sunday and 1:30 a. m. Monday, the restaurant of Edgar Layton was broken into, and a number of valuable articles taken. The thief entered by way of the back window, from which he, or they, tore the screen and unlocked it. A watch, two diamond rings, seven \$2.50 gold pieces (taken from watch charms), 250 pennies and a pearl handle .32 Colts revolver were taken. The remarkable thing is that the cash register was left open and about eight dollars in it not taken. The visitors went out the back door, and left it open. The punch board, from which the gold pieces were taken, and the can in which the pennies were kept, were found outside the back door. No clue has been found as to who the thief, or thieves were.

Mistaken Idea

Nearly everyone believes that children of the country are stronger and healthier than those of the city. No belief is more widely revered than that.

But the government says it is not so. The United States Public Health Service denies it. Dr. Ezra Kimball Sprague, who has been with that service twenty years, writes as follows:

"Country children are physically inferior to those reared in our cities. Investigation shows that children in rural districts suffer decidedly more frequently from malnutrition, diseases of the lungs, heart, eyes, ears, and from adenoids, than do city children."

What is the cause of it? Listen again to Doctor Sprague: "Many of those defects are attributable to insanitary surroundings in the little red school house."

Another superstition gone. The majority of us believed that the little red school house turned out our sturdiest young manhood and womanhood, and that without the stream of rich red blood that poured steadily into the cities from the country, the city population would soon die out. Doctor Sprague points out that the little red school house, with its poor heating, draughts, bad ventilation, wrong seating arrangements, bad lighting and other defects, is responsible for many ruined lives.

Inasmuch as the children in the rural districts soon will be in school again, the report of Dr. Sprague is timely. The country schools should at least be made sanitary before the children are shut up in them for another winter. —Kansas City Times.

CHAUTAUQUA MAKES A HIT

Bigger And Better Next Year
Citizens Behind Move

Meade's first and therefore most successful Chautauqua, is over and has become past history.

The opening date was August 16th, and from then until the close all moved in perfect harmony, save the wind and the dust. The programs were well selected and with perhaps one exception, entirely satisfactory. The Chautauqua managers co-operated with the local managers in making it a success.

The local people in charge are worthy of much credit. Rev. Mr. Lytle, assisted by Messrs Gibbons, Curl, Amphlett, and a score of others worked early and late in order to make it a success. Fowler, Plains, and those from the country surrounding Meade come in for a share in the successful outcome.

The question of finance was settled before the Chautauqua was half over. Next year we will have a bigger and better entertainment. Already nearly one hundred of our citizens have pledged their support.

The Meade County Fair

Now that the chautauqua is over, we must next turn our attention to the Meade County Fair, which will begin September 5th, and will last four days, the outcome of the chautauqua is a good example of what united effort will do, and if we all take hold of the fair with the same determined will, it will be the best in the history of the county. The management is already busy but they cannot do the work and the boosting to a satisfactory termination, unless they have the co-operation of every interested citizen in the county.

Meade county has some of the finest stock, we believe we are safe in saying, in the United States. Poultry, too, within the past several years has taken a front seat, and these, together with our farm products, if properly exhibited, will make a showing well worth seeing. In addition to the exhibits, some good attractions have been secured, and of course the usual line of concessions will also be on the grounds. It will be four days of enjoyment, education and fun. Plan to come. If you can't, see that your wife and the children do, or if for any reason you can't all come all the time, some of you part of the time. There ought to be a representative of every family in the county at the fair every day. The price of season tickets has been placed at a price that is easily within the reach of all. This is your fair just as much as it is your neighbor's, and to be a success in the fullest measure, you must do your share. If you have anything to exhibit have it ready to enter the first day. Meade county's biggest and best fair begins September 5th. Be ready to be here.

"We never miss the water until the well runs dry," so it is said, and so it is with the ice as well—we never miss it until the supply is exhausted. Such was the case from Saturday of last week until Thursday of this. It seems that none was to had at any price. An ice famine will be unknown in Meade, we hope, when our own ice plant is ready for work.

Everyone must have the cash in hand to get school books at the M. & M. Drug Co.

MEADE STEAM LAUNDRY OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Monday, August 28th, 1916

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

O. R. FOLLETT, Prop.

MEADE COUNTY FAIR TICKETS

The Big Meade County Fair to be held at Meade four days, September, 5, 6, 7, and 8 will sell season tickets with or without grandstand privileges; also Family Tickets with or without grandstand privileges at the following prices:

Season Tickets without Grand Stand privileges \$1.00

Season Tickets with Grand Stand privileges \$1.30

Family Tickets without Grand Stand privileges, admits parents and children under 13 years of age \$2.00

Family Tickets with Grand Stand privileges, admits parents and children under 13 years of age \$2.50

Tickets will be on sale at the First National Bank and the Meade State Bank, Meade, also at office of Secretary and at Phelps Opera House, at Fowler State Bank, First National Bank, Fowler, and Plains State Bank.

R. M. PAINTER, Pres.
FRANK FUHR, Secy.